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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE STATE 157161, WE HAVE ASKED PARACIA LENYK TO COME
TO THE EMBASSY TO GIVE US THE AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT
THAT YOU RECOMMEND.

2. WE HAVE A DIFFICULT CPSU MEMBERSHIP CASE ON WHICH WE
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS BEFORE SUBMITTING. YEVEL
EKEL'CHIK HAS BEEN A REPLIST CASE SINCE 1974. HE
RECENTLY RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION AND ONLY THEN DID WE
REALIZE THAT HE WAS A CPSU MEMBER, ALTHOUGH HIS FS-497,
SUBMITTED IN 1974, SO STATES. HE WAS A PARTY MEMBER
FROM 1928 UNTIL 1973, HAVING JOINED AT THE AGE OF 23. HE
IS UNABLE TO ARTICULATE ANY CLEAR REASONS FOR HAVING JOINED.
HE SAYS THAT THE SECRETARY OF HIS PARTY ORGANIZATION SPOKE
TO HIM ABOUT IT AND SAID THAT HE SOULD JOIN THE
PARTY AND THAT THIS OCCURED AT A TIME WHEN THE PARTY WAS
TRYING TO GET MORE WORKERS TO JOIN. HE DID NOT
INDICATE THAT HE WAS UNDER ANY PARTICULAR COERCION OR
PRESSURE TO JOIN AND CLAIMS TO BE UNABLE TO REMEMBER
AFTER FIFTY YEARS VERY MUCH ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE
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SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF IDOLOGICAL MOTIVATON AND WE
BELIEVE THAT HE WAS IN FACT SIMPLY A NON-IDEOLOGICAL WORKER
WHO WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TIMES AND
TOOK THE PATH OF LEASE RESISTANACE. THE CASE IS SOMEWHAT
EMBARRASSING TO US BECAUSE OF ITS REPLIST ASPECT, AND
COULD POTENTIALLY BECOME MORE SO, SINCE HE HAS SEVERAL
CLOSE US RELATIVES. COULD YOU CHECK INFORMALLY WITH VO TO

DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO STRETCH A POINT
A BIT BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS CASE?

3. FOR LEVITSKY FROM PORTER: PLAN TO DEPART KIEV
WITH SON CHIRS ON JULY 17. HAS QUESTION RE EDUCATIONAL
TRAVEL ORDERS (MY LETTER) BE RESOLVED? WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
RULING ON REQUEST FOR TWELVE MONTH EXCEPTION BEFORE DEPARTURE
IF POSSIBLE. FYI: PLAN TO BE IN DEPARTMENT JULY 29. HOPE
TO SEE YOU.

4. WE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN DJEREDJIAN AND HOPE YOU WILL
GIVE HIM EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT. HOWEVER, HASN' T BOB OBER
BEEN ASSIGNED AS CHIEF POL/EXT IN '78?
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